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*United Arab Emirates*  
*LOS Summer Session*

1. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHUBBASH, WITH WHOM I HAVE BEEN DEALING ON LOS MATTERS, I TELEPHONED MFA UNDER SECRETARY ABDULLAH MAZRU'I APRIL 25 TO URGE HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT HOLDING OF ADDITIONAL LOS CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER TO COMPLETE WORK OF CONFERENCE. I MADE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO MAZRU'I.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI, MAZRU'I INFORMED ME NEXT DAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO INSTRUCT UAE DELEGATE IN NEW YORK TO COORDINATE POSITION ON THIS PROPOSAL WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS, AND TO SEEK TO PERSUADE THEM TO GIVE UNIFIED SUPPORT, AS AN ARAB BLOC, FOR A LOS SUMMER SESSION.

3. COMMENT: FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH UAE OFFICIALS THERE APPEARS LITTLE DOUBT THAT UAE WANTS EARLY CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT AND WE BELIEVE WE CAN ACCEPT AT FACE VALUE MAZRU'S STATEMENT UAE DELEGATE WILL WORK FOR THIS. HOWEVER, UAEG AS USUAL WISHES TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER ARAB STATES AND WILL NOT COMMIT ITSELF ON ISSUE OF SUMMER SESSION UNTIL IT HAS CHANCE TO HEAR OTHER ARAB VIEWS.

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